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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We chose a local internet provider (Sonic) because they provided faster DSL access at lower cost and because they were very responsive and helpful when problems arose.

When we moved further away from the central office we stuck with Sonic DSL. However, our data rates were 3.5/0.7 MBit. In San Francisco, next to Silicon Valley!! We also experienced a few outages. Talking to the linemen from ATT, that leased the copper lines to Sonic, the wire infrastructure was old, line terminations corroded and wires breaking. Asked if ATT was planning to upgrade the infrastructure the response was maybe, in a few years.

Then Sonic put up fiber infrastructure in our neighborhood. Sonic installed fiber to the house at 1/1 Gbit including unlimited domestic phone service with very affordable international rates.

Having high speed internet access and phone service was important for my job, as a lot of meetings pull people from different location together via web conferencing. Sonic even provided perks like VPN servers and FAX lines at no additional cost.

I believe without Sonic we would still have 3.5 MBit DSL service, no web conferencing and high domestic/international phone rates.

I'll ask the FCC to reject USTelecoms petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements.

Keep competition alive. Thanks!

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